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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN GABON

FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, LIBREVILLE 1357, IS BEING REPEATED  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF MFA ADANDE INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER FOLLOWING: GOG AND PRESIDENT BONGO PERSONALLY VERY MUCH APPRECIATE PLIGHT OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES AND WILL DO WHAT IS POSSIBLE TO HELP. ORIGINALLY, THERE WAS TALK OF 150 REFUGEES BUT 45-50 SEEMS MORE REASONABLE TO ADANDE.
2. ADANDE SAID GOG CANNOT EASILY SPECIFY MANPOWER PRIORITIES SINCE NEEDS SO WIDESPREAD AND DIVERSE. THUS, ADANDE SUGGESTS FOLLOWING AS SUREST, FASTEST PROCEDURE FOR RESETTLEMENT: A. TRANSMIT TO MFA IN LIBREVILLE VIA USG CHANNELS COMPLETE INDIVIDUAL CURRICULUM VITAE FOR EACH REFUGEE INTERESTED IN GABON; B. GOG WILL APPROVE THOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUGEES WITH ACCEPTABLE QUALIFICATIONS; C. MFA WILL THEN

ISSUE APPROPRIATE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WITH VISAS WHICH  
EMBASSY WILL FORWARD CAMP PENDLETON VIA DEPARTMENT.

3. TO EXPEDITE GOG CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS,  
STRONGLY URGE THAT DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY REFUGEES  
BE IN FRENCH IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE USE OF USG CHANNELS IN BOTH  
DIRECTIONS OFFERS SUREST AND FASTEST MEANS FOR HANDLING  
APPLICATIONS AND WILL ALSO ENABLE EMBASSY TO FOLLOW-UP  
WITH GOG OFFICIALS HERE IN EFFORT OBTAIN DECISIONS AS  
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. STEIGMAN. KISSINGER

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